Loan applications from educated unemployed youth in Gujarat

5390. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in Gujarat who applied for loan from the nationalised banks for starting their own industrial business during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the amount sanctioned and disbursed by the said banks and the number of youths provided loans;

(c) the number of applications pending alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) As per information furnished by the Dena Bank, the Convenor of State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) for the State of Gujarat, the details of educated unemployed youths applied for loan, number and amount sanctioned and disbursed by banks in the State of Gujarat and the number of applications pending with the banks for the year 1998-99 & 1999-2000 are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Lacs)

SL No.	Particulars	Year 1998-99		Year 1999-2000 (Upto Dec . 1999)	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1.	No. of loan applications sponsored	8448	—	12522	—
2.	Sanctioned	4281	2021	6842	3171
3.	Disbursed	3448	1629	5875	2717
4.	Pending	1695	—	1576	—

The reasons for pendency/delay in disposal of applications are sponsoring non-viable cases by the District Industry Centre (DIC), delay in completing the required formalities, by the borrowers, delay in obtaining necessary approval

for undertaking the activities from local authorities etc. At the end of the year 1998-99, there were 1695 applications pending which have already been disposed of by the banks. During 1999-2000 (As of December 1999) there were 1576 applications pending with various banks. Disposal of applications is however, a continuous process and the applications pending at the end of particular year are considered in next financial year.

Custom duty exemption for equipments of power projects in Andhra Pradesh

5391. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to consider total custom duty exemption for power equipment of all categories of power projects; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir, The Government are not aware of any recent proposal of this nature.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Finalisation of report on infrastructure by NCAER

5392. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has finalized its report regarding infrastructure and related issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The NCAER is currently not preparing any report on infrastructure.

(b) Does not arise.